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(SBU) Foreign Office Minister Meg Munn delivered a "strong message" of concern about the May 10 constitutional referendum last week, according to the FCO Burma Unit in response to ref demarche (text of Munn's statement, in which she said "it is clear the referendum will be neither free nor fair," was released on April 29 and is available at [www.fco.uk.gov/latest](http://www.fco.uk.gov/latest) news). A similar Foreign Office statement after the May 10 referendum is also "likely," though the Burma desk could not predict on May 6 what impact the need to work with the Burmese Government on disaster relief following last weekend's cyclone might have on the tone and timing of a HMG statement post-referendum. Visit London's Classified Website: [http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:United\\_Kingdom](http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:United_Kingdom)  
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